
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
CONSIDER DEVELOPING PERMITTING PROVISIONS TO REQUIRE THAT
EMPLOYEES OF WATERSPORT EXCURSION COMPANIES WHO TAKE
CUSTOMERS ON WATERSPORT EXCURSIONS ARE TRAINED IN BASIC
SAFETY MEASURES.

1 WHEREAS, watersport excursion companies are commercial
2 operations that take customers on excursions for the purpose of
3 engaging in watersports, such as kayaking, snorkeling, surfing
4 and stand-up paddle lessons, and scuba diving; and
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6 WHEREAS, watersport excursion companies, as well as other
7 commercial recreational operations, are required to obtain a
8 permit from the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation of the
9 Department of Land and Natural Resources; and
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11 WHEREAS, the administrative rules of the Department of Land
12 and Natural Resources do not currently require the employees of
13 watersport excursion companies to be trained to render aid in
14 the event of an emergency; and
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16 WHEREAS, taking consumers on watersport excursions without
17 personnel present who are able to render aid if an emergency
18 occurs raises potential safety issues; now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
22 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
23 Land and Natural Resources is requested to engage stakeholders
24 to consider adopting permitting provisions requiring employees
25 of watersport excursion companies who take customers on
26 watersport excursions to be trained in basic water safety
27 measures; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such requirements shall include
2 training in first aid and cardio pulmonary resuscitation, but
3 may not exceed licensure standards adopted by industry
4 associations, such as those adopted by the scuba industry; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such requirements need not
7 apply to employees who do not take customers out on excursions,
8 such as employees who work solely in retail or reservations at a
9 watersports excursion company or to vessels already regulated by
10 the United States Coast Guard; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these requirements need not
13 apply to every employee who takes customers on watersports
14 excursions and the Department may determine whether requiring
15 training for a defined percentage of employees present on an
16 excursion is sufficient to protect customer and employee health
17 and safety; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
21 Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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